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The Army Exceptional Family Member Program

What Is The Exceptional Family Member Program?

Simply put, the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a program designed to identify soldiers with family members having physical, emotional, educational and developmental handicaps.

Who Has To Enroll?

"All" active duty soldiers with exceptional or handicapped family members must be enrolled in the EFMP.

How Can The Program Help Me?

After the Army identifies soldiers with exceptional family members (EFMs), the information is used for reassignment consideration. The Army tries to match soldiers having EFMs with reassignment locations that have the special medical and educational services EFMs need.

How Will I Know If I Have An EFM?

If you have a family member who has been seeing the doctor for a while for a medical problem, such as a heart disease, or your child's school teacher told you that your child has a learning disability, then this is an indication that you may have an EFM.

What If I Do Not Enroll?

Failure to enroll EFMs in the program may result in your being reassigned to a location that cannot provide medical or educational services needed by your EFMs. It is against U.S. laws and Department of Defense policies to not provide EFMs with medical care or educational services. Soldiers who knowingly fail or refuse to enroll their EFMs in the program may receive at a minimum a general officer letter of reprimand.

Where Do I Enroll?

Reynolds Army Community Hospital Clinic, Bldg. 4300, is the medical component that administers and implements Fort Sill's screening and medical evaluation process of the EFMP.

What Must I Do To Enroll?

Enrollment in the EFMP begins when soldiers complete a "Delay, Referral, or Follow-up Notice", DA Form 209. Once this form is completed, soldier's EFMs are medically evaluated. Information from EFMs medical evaluations are coded and then forwarded to the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center to be used for reassignment consideration.

The entire EFMP enrollment process can take up to 90 days. Therefore, soldiers with EFMs are encouraged to begin the enrollment process at the earliest possible date. EFMs remain enrolled in the EMFP for 3 years, unless changes are made to disenroll them from the program.

Contact Fort Sill's Army Community Service/EFMP Coordinator, 351-4916, for more information.



CHAMPUS PROGRAM FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The CHAMPUS Program for the handicapped may be able to help your family offset the cost of needed specialized care not provided on Fort Sill. For care under the Program for the Handicapped, persons must be dependents of active duty service members and be seriously handicapped; moderately or severely mentally retarded; persons with a major physical handicap; or a combination of both.

Unlike most CHAMPUS benefits, families must apply and get approval from CHAMPUS, at least 30 days prior to contracting health care services, before CHAMPUS will share the bills under the Program for the Handicapped. Each claim under the program is treated on a case-by-case basis.

Active duty service members must send in an application for requested assistance on DD Form 2532, "Request for Health Benefits under the Program for the Handicapped". Fort Sill's CHAMPUS claims processor should have this form. Send the completed form to the CHAMPUS claims processor along with a management plan, which is completed by the specialist you plan to obtain care from. The CHAMPUS office will tell you whether your application for assistance is denied, or approved in whole or in part. For example, CHAMPUS may approve only certain parts of needed care. If your application is approved, CHAMPUS will tell you how often a progress report is needed from a handicapped family member's specialist. Also, the specialist must send a new management plan (as described above) with each progress report.

For more information about the Program for the Handicapped contact Fort Sill's CHAMPUS office, Reynolds Army Community Hospital, Building 4700, (405) 351-4021 or (405) 355-8578.

Excerpts from July 1990 Civilian Health And Medical
Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) Handbook

EDUCATION

The Lawton Public School (LPS) system consists of 35 elementary schools (2 located on post), 3 junior high schools, and 3 senior high schools. Children with special needs are placed in the school that can best meet particular needs. Also, LPS has a "Child Find" program to identify, screen, and make placement recommendations for handicapped children from birth to 21 years old who are not already in school.

Lawton Public School system uses "the least restrictive environment" approach in serving the needs of children. This approach is based on Public Law (PL) 94-142, "The Education for all Handicapped Children Act of 1975." This law requires each state to establish procedures to assure "all" handicapped children a free and appropriate education, whether attending a public or private school, and be placed in the least restrictive educational environment. Handicapped children are those who have physical, emotional, developmental, and intellectual conditions that limit their capacity to engage in activities with peers and require special treatment, therapy, education, training, or counseling. Least restrictive environment means children with handicapping conditions are to be educated with children who are not handicapped. That is, handicapped children who can learn in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services (i.e., resource room or repeating instruction in conjunction with regular class placement) should attend regular education classes. If the nature or severity of a child's handicap prevents a child from satisfactorily achieving in a regular classroom, then special classes; separate schooling; or some other educational environment should be selected (Section 612 (5) (B) of the Act).

Lawton Public School system complies with PL 94-142, requiring school districts to provide a continuum of alternative classroom placements (i.e., instruction in regular classes, special classes, special schools, home instruction, instruction in hospitals and institutions). An "Individualized Education Program" (IEP) is developed for all children needing to receive special education and related school services. The IEP is developed by a team of specialists, consisting of the child when necessary, the child's parents, the regular classroom teacher, a special education teacher, a school administrator, and other consultants school officials and parents believe need to be a member of the team. It is a written statement of the special education and related services a child needs.

For information on Project Child Find or education and health related services for special needs children, contact Special Services Education Center, 2211 NW 25th Street or P.O. Box 1009, Lawton, Oklahoma 73502, (405) 353-0334.

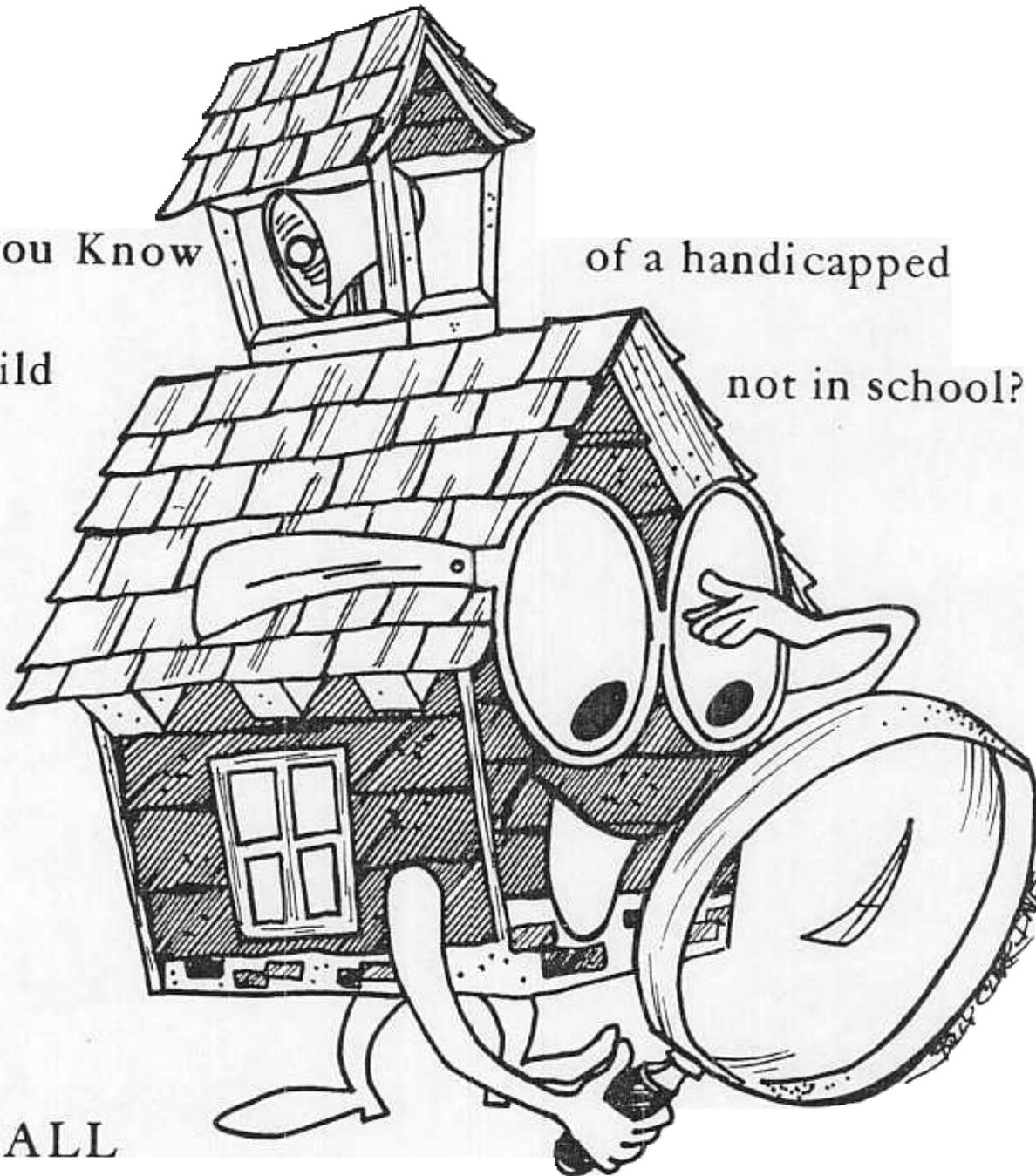
CHILD FIND!

Do you Know

of a handicapped

child

not in school?



CALL

PROJECT CHILD FIND

353-0334

SUPPORT AGENCIES/GROUPS

NAME: Adams Workshop
P.O. Box 506
Lawton, OK 73502
(405) 248-1873

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provides job training and placement for mentally retarded persons 16 years or older who live in Comanche County.

NAME: Alzheimer & Parkinson's Disease Support Group
3501 SW "F" Avenue
Lawton, OK 73505
(405) 248-0471

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provides support for caregivers assisting Alzheimer and Parkinson's disease patients.

NAME: American Cancer Society
1305 W Gore Blvd
Lawton, OK 73501
(405) 353-8145

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Is dedicated to eliminating cancer and diminishing suffering through education and patient services.

NAME: American Diabetes Association, Oklahoma Affiliate, Inc.
6565 S Yale, Suite 105
Tulsa, OK 74136
(800) 722-5448

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Helps prevent and cure diabetes.

NAME: American Heart Association
Oklahoma Affiliate, Inc.
2915 Classen Blvd, Suite 200
P.O. Box 11376
Oklahoma City, OK 73136
(405) 357-3277

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Reduces disability & death from cardiovascular disease and stroke. Provides CPR training.

NAME: American Kidney Fund
N/A
(800) 638-8299

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provides financial assistance to needy kidney patients when referred by a social worker. Also provides educational materials to the public and professionals.

NAME: American Lung Association of Oklahoma
Southwest Regional Branch Office
601 SW "C" Avenue, Suite 103
Lawton, OK 73501
(405) 248-9549

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Is a major public advocate in the areas of environmental and occupational health. Provides public education concerning lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema, and lung cancer. Also available are the Southwest Oklahoma Family Asthma Support Group and Better Breathers Club, both sponsored by the American Lung Association.

NAME: Army Community Service (ACS)
Building 922, Fort Sill Blvd
Fort Sill, OK 73503-5100
(405) 351-4357/6818 or AUTOVON 639-4357

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide funds for emergency situations, temporary food assistance, information and referral service, financial counseling, family violence prevention assistance, temporary loans of certain household goods, relocation assistance, volunteer jobs, and exceptional family member support and assistance.

NAME: Arthritis Foundation - Oklahoma Chapter
3313 Classen Blvd, Room 101
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 521-0066

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Seeks the answer to the cause, cure, and prevention of arthritis, through research and education.

NAME: Autism - Oklahoma City Chapter for Autistic Citizens,
affiliate of Autism Society of America
P.O. Box 760191
Oklahoma City, OK 73176
(405) 799-5430

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide a support group for parents/professionals dealing with autistic children and adults. Goal is to increase public awareness and the availability of educational, therapeutic, health, and social services for the autistic.

NAME: Center for Creative Living
3501 SW "F" Avenue
Lawton, OK 73505
(405) 248-0471/0473 Central Mall: (405) 355-4223
(Satellite Center located at Central Mall, Lawton)

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Offer advocacy support to receive services or make changes in policies, procedures, regulations, or laws to benefit the elderly. Offer counseling, health screenings, and information and referral service; physical fitness program; placement for housing, employment, and health institutions; recreation and socialization; volunteer opportunities for older persons through agencies and institutions in their communities; and respite care service for persons 55 years and older.

NAME: Chaplain's Family Life Center
5639 Fort Sill Blvd
Fort Sill, OK 73503
(405) 351-4462/5003

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide individual, marriage, family and group counseling for military families. Problem areas include relationship issues, step-family adjustments, divorce recovery, premarital and remarital counseling, child problems, single parent concerns, spiritual struggles, etc.

NAME: Comanche County Association for Retarded Citizens (CCARC)
Route 1
Geronimo, OK 73543
(405) 355-2863

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide a group home, summer day programs, and referrals. Aids retarded people and their families.

NAME: Comanche County Health Department
1010 S. Sheridan Road
P.O. Box 87
Lawton, OK 73502
(405) 248-5890

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide public health protection, preventive education, and maternal and child health services. Guidance Center provides psychological evaluations, specialized testing and therapy for speech, emotional problems, learning disabilities, and developmental delays.

NAME: Comanche County Memorial Hospital
3401 W Gore Blvd
Lawton, OK 73505
(405) 355-8620

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provides various routine and specialized medical services and maintains list of respite caregivers.

NAME: Community Counseling Center
3543 Tacy Street
Fort Sill, OK 73503
(405) 351-4205/5704

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide counseling services for drug and/or alcohol problems to active duty, retired military, and dependents. Also has employee assistance program for Department of the Army civilians.

NAME: Community Health Nurse
2911 Craig Road
Fort Sill, OK 73503
(405) 351-2828/5403

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Give general medical information by phone. Conducts limited home visits for health and safety reasons for active duty, retired military, and their family members.

NAME: Community Mental Health
Bldg 4300, Thomas Street
Fort Sill, OK 73503
(405) 351-0260/0266 (emergency 351-0770)

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide counseling services for mental health problems including depression, stress, suicide, homicide, etc. For active duty, retired, and their family members. Refers to civilian agencies as appropriate.

NAME: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Sooner Chapter)
4111 South Darlington, Suite 301
Tulsa, OK 74135
(918) 663-5620

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Creates and funds research, quality patient care, and education/public policy programs.

NAME: Department of Human Services
2nd and Lee Blvd
Lawton, OK 73501
(405) 248-0068

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide respite care services for disabled eligible children and adults, rehabilitation programs, and temporary foster care service.

NAME: Epilepsy Foundation of the Sooner State
3313 N Classen, Suite 233
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
(405) 521-1018

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Is dedicated to the prevention and control of epilepsy and its consequences. Assist Oklahomans through counseling, education, a discount medication program, and referral services.

NAME: Fort Sill Child Development Services
Bldg 2867, Craig Road
Fort Sill, OK 73503
(405) 351-3927

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Fort Sill Child Development Services provides developmental child care on a full-day, part-day, and hourly basis for children 4 weeks to 12 years of age, either at a center-based program, or family child care home program. They also provide respite care and baby-sitter referral services.

NAME: Goodwill Industries of Southwest Oklahoma, Inc.
1210 SW Summit Avenue
Lawton, OK 73501
(405) 355-2163

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Enable people with disabilities to obtain independent living by providing evaluation, adjustment and skill training, job placement in competitive employment, and long-term sheltered employment.

NAME: Handicapable of Lawton
N/A
(405) 536-1650

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Work to coordinate services between state and city agencies for handicapped people of Lawton. Also provide activities and support for handicapped persons.

NAME: Lawton Helpline
N/A
(405) 355-7575

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Service includes a 24 hour, 7-day-a-week crisis listening, referral and information service, and the Phone Alert League which puts elderly and homebound people in touch with a volunteer.

NAME: Leukemia Society of America, Inc.
9520 N May Avenue, Suite 260
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
(405) 751-1542, (918) 492-0792

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Seeks the cause and eventual cure of leukemia and allied diseases.

NAME: March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
2651 E 21st, Suite 312
Tulsa, OK 74114
(405) 848-4631

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide free educational literature, films, and programs regarding nutrition, drug abuse, genetics, VD, and the importance of prenatal care. Provide medical grants and seed money for diagnostic center, prenatal clinics and related research. Provide medical scholarships. Provide limited financial assistance for medical attention to babies born with birth defects.

NAME: Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc.
5601 NW 72nd Street, Suite 218
Oklahoma City, OK 73132
(405) 722-8001 or (918) 664-6952

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Sponsor research centers, as well as grants for research, and funds clinics across the United States. Oklahoma's clinics are located in Oklahoma City at Baptist Medical Center and in Tulsa at Children's Medical Center. Service includes diagnostic testing for patients referred to Muscular Dystrophy Association clinics, purchase and repair of orthopedic equipment and respiratory appliances, physical and occupational therapy treatments, genetic counseling, and transportation to and from the nearest Muscular Dystrophy Association clinic.

NAME: National Easter Seal Society
2100 NW 63rd Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73116
(405) 848-7603 or (918) 664-6434

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Service includes such things as wheelchairs, braces therapy, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and other essential medical/educational equipment and treatment. Free screening to identify children with scoliosis (spinal curvature), hearing, vision, and speech/language disabilities. Provides information counseling, literature referral, and assistance to parents annually and training for professionals.

NAME: Oklahoma School for the Blind
3300 Gibson Street
P.O. Box 309
Muskogee, OK 74402
(918) 682-6641

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide primary and secondary curriculum and full range of medical services to blind or visually impaired students from preschool through high school.

NAME: Oklahoma School for the Deaf
East Tenth and Tahlequah Streets
Sulphur, OK 73086
(405) 622-3186

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Is a comprehensive education program serving deaf children ages 3-21 from throughout the state.

NAME: Reynolds Army Community Hospital
Bldg 4300, Thomas Street
Fort Sill, OK 73503
(405) 351-0500

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide CAM/CHAMPUS services. Also provide services for general surgery, urology, ophthalmology, optometry, otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), audiology, oral surgery, OB/GYN, orthopedic, physical therapy, occupational therapy, Family Occupational Therapy, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatric, Community Mental Health, and Social Work Services.

NAME: Robert E. Greiner School For The Handicapped
10 East "B" Avenue
P.O. Box 45
Lawton, OK 73502
(405) 355-5834

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide care, training, and education for handicapped children and adults. Has same school year as the Lawton Public School. Pre-school tuition is \$35 per month. Transportation service cost is \$15 per month.

NAME: Sickle Cell Support Group
N/A
(405) 355-6233 or (405) 353-6073

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide emotional support to sickle cell diseased individuals, sickle cell awareness classes, and hospital and home visit support.

NAME: Social Work Service
Bldg 4300, Reynolds Army Community Hospital
Fort Sill, OK 73503
351-0280

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide counseling services for marital and family problems including spouse and child abuse. For active duty, retired, and dependents.

Name: Sooner Start - Oklahoma Early Childhood Intervention Program
1010 S Sheridan Road
Lawton, OK 73505
(405) 585-6610

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Sooner Start is a free early intervention program designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with handicapping conditions. Sooner Start assists children and their families with diagnostic and evaluation services, case management, family training, counseling and home visits, nursing services, occupational/physical/speech and language therapy, special instruction, and nutrition services.

NAME: Southwestern Medical Center
5602 SW Lee Blvd
Lawton, OK 73505
(405) 531-4700

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide various routine and specialized medical services and maintain list of respite caregivers.

NAME: Special Needs PTA
N/A
(405) 353-4826

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Provide support for families with children who have special education needs.

NAME: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) For The Aged, Blind, and Disabled (Social Security Administration)
615 SW "B" Avenue
Lawton, OK 73501
(405) 355-8700

PURPOSE/SERVICE: Is a federal social security program that pays monthly cash payments to the aged, disabled, and blind who have limited income and assets. The aim of the program is to provide a minimum income for rent, food, and clothing.

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